

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 58th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN JOE BALYEAT**, on January 9, 2003 at 3:25 P.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Joe Balyeat, Chairman (R)  
Rep. George Golie, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Michael Lange, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Debby Barrett (R)  
Rep. Paul Clark (D)  
Rep. Jill Cohenour (D)  
Rep. George Everett (R)  
Rep. Tom Facey (D)  
Rep. Daniel Fuchs (R)  
Rep. Steven Gallus (D)  
Rep. Carol Gibson (D)  
Rep. Gail Gutsche (D)  
Rep. Larry Jent (D)  
Rep. Bob Lake (R)  
Rep. Don Roberts (R)  
Rep. Allen Rome (R)  
Rep. Scott Sales (R)  
Rep. Jim Shockley (R)  
Rep. Pat Wagman (R)  
Rep. Sandy Weiss (D)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Pamela Schindler, Committee Secretary  
Doug Sternberg, Legislative Branch

**Please Note:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. A videotaped recording of the meeting is available from the Montana Historical Society.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB 32, 1/3/2003; HB 137, 1/3/2003,  
HB 101, 1/3/2003

Executive Action: None

**HEARING ON HB 32**

**Sponsor:** REP. GOLIE, HD 44

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

3:26 p.m. REP. GOLIE

**Proponents Testimony:**

3:29 p.m. Sanford Shrout, Montana State Houndsmen Association

**EXHIBIT**(fih04a01)

**EXHIBIT**(fih04a02)

3:34 p.m. Sandy Salles, Montana State Houndsmen Association

**EXHIBIT**(fih04a03)

3:34 p.m. Terry Comstock, Northwest Hounds Association

3:37 p.m. Pat Quinn, Montana Federation of Houndsmen

3:39 p.m. Tony Knuchel, Montana State Houndsmen Association

3:39 p.m. Roland Dean, Montana State Houndsmen Association

**Opponents Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

3:40 p.m. Chris Smith, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks

**EXHIBIT**(fih04a04)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

3:46 p.m.\_REP. BALYEAT

3:47 p.m. REP. JENT

3:47 p.m. **Bob Lane, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks**

3:50 p.m. **REP. JENT**

3:50 p.m. **Bob Lane**

3:55 p.m. **Chris Smith**

3:52 p.m. **REP. COHENOUR**

3:53 p.m. **Chris Smith**

3:54 p.m. **REP. SHOCKLEY**

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3:57 p.m. **REP. BARRETT**

3:57 p.m. **Chris Smith**

3:58 p.m. **REP. BARRETT**

3:58 p.m. **Chris Smith**

3:59 p.m. **REP. GALLUS**

4:00 p.m. **REP. BALLYEAT**

4:00 p.m. **REP. GOLIE**

4:01 p.m. **REP. BALLYEAT**

4:02 p.m. **Chris Smith**

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4:03 p.m. **Chris Smith**

Closing by Sponsor:

4:04 p.m. REP. GOLIE

**EXHIBIT**(fih04a05)

**EXHIBIT**(fih04a06)

4:07 p.m. REP. BALYEAT

HEARING ON HB 101

Sponsor: REP. JENT HD # 29

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

4:07 p.m. REP. JENT

**EXHIBIT**(fih04a07)

Proponents' Testimony:

4:15 p.m. Chris Smith, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks

**EXHIBIT**(fih04a08)

4:17 p.m. John Wilson, Montana Trout Unlimited

4:17 p.m. Bob Gilbert, Walleyes Unlimited

4:18 p.m. REP. BALYEAT

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

4:18 p.m. Joe Mazurek, Lobbyist- Montana Interactive

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

4:18 p.m. REP. BALYEAT

4:19 p.m. REP. EVERETT

4:19 p.m. REP. JENT

4:23 p.m. REP. FUCHS

4:23 p.m. REP. JENT

4:24 p.m. REP. BALYEAT

4:25 p.m. Chris Smith

4:25 p.m. Bernie Benkelmen, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks

4:26 p.m. REP. FUCHS

4:27 p.m. Chris Smith

Closing by Sponsor:

4:28 p.m. REP. JENT

HEARING ON HB 137

Sponsor: REP. LANGE HD #19

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

4:29 p.m. REP. LANGE

Proponents' Testimony:

4:30 p.m. Chris Smith, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks

**EXHIBIT**(fih04a09)

4:34 p.m. Robin Cunningham, Fishing Outfitters Association of  
Montana

4:35 p.m. John Wilson, Montana Trout Unlimited

4:37 p.m. Bob Gilbert, Walleyes Unlimited

4:38 p.m. Elaine Allestad, Sweet Grass County Commissioner

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

4:39 p.m. REP. CLARK

4:40 p.m. **Chris Smith**

4:43 p.m. **REP. CLARK**

4:44 p.m. **Chris Smith**

4:45 p.m. **REP. SALES**

4:45 p.m. **Chris Smith**

4:46 p.m. **REP. LAKE**

4:47 p.m. **Chris Smith**

4:48 p.m. **Doug Monger, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks**

4:49 p.m. **REP. LAKE**

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4:50 p.m. **REP. SHOCKLEY**

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4:58 p.m. **REP. GALLUS**

4:58 p.m. **John Wilson**

4:59 p.m. **REP. WAGMAN**

4:59 p.m. **Chris Smith**

**Closing by Sponsor:**

5:00 p.m. **REP. LANGE**

5:02 p.m. **REP. BALYEAT**

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**ADJOURNMENT**

**Adjournment: 5:04 P.M.**

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**REP. JOE BALLYEAT, Chairman**

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**PAMELA SCHINDLER, Secretary**

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**EXHIBIT (fih04aad)**